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1. MEETING REQUESTED BY DOHERTY RE FUTURE AIFLD PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA HELD ON DEC. 20 AND ATTENDED BY FOLLOWING: STATE/AID ASST. SEC. KUBISCH, MESSRS. KLEINE, ORTIZ, LION. AIFLD: DOHERTY, MONTENEGRO. AFL/CIO: LOVESTONE, BOGGS. RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PRESENT CONTRACT COVERING AIFLD ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA WOULD TERMINATE, AS SCHEDULED, BY DECEMBER 31, 1973. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT MESSRS. KUBISCH AND KLEINE, CONSULTING WITH THEIR ASSOCIATES AND STAFFS, CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE WILLING TO REVIEW THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE

FUTURE AIFLD PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA, FOLLOWING AMB. HILL'S ARRIVAL AND APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION. AS TO TIMING, IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT AMB. HILL WOULD POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH WASHINGTON BY MARCH AND A DECISION MADE THEREAFTER.

3. POINTS MADE BY DOHERTY INCLUDED: THE ASSERTION THAT POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN ARGENTINA HAD CHANGED SINCE THE ORIGINAL DECISION TO TERMINATE WAS MADE; THE CLAIM THAT THE MAJORITY OF ARGENTINA LABOR WAS FRIENDLY TO THE U.S. AND WANTED AIFLD'S PROGRAM; THE CLAIM THAT PERON WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE COULD NOT PUBLICLY SUPPORT AIFLD BUT DID NOT WANT THE PROGRAM TO CEASE; THE JUDGMENT THAT THE ARGENTINE LABOR MOVEMENT HAD A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN REGIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS AND IT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE U.S. FOR THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT TO HAVE CONTACT WITH IT; AND, THE STATEMENT THAT THE COUNTRY TEAM HAD FAILED TO APPRECIATE THE REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ARGENTINE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

4. BOGGS DECLARED AFL/CIO'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR AIFLD AND ITS PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA. LOVESTONE STATED THAT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL REASONS, THE AFL/CIO COULD NOT SET UP ITS OWN OFFICE IN ARGENTINA. HE ALSO TOOK THE POSITION THAT ARGENTINA LABOR WAS A KEY TO THE DIRECTION OF LABOR TRENDS IN BRAZIL AND CHILE, AND THEREFORE, TO THE ENTIRE LATIN AMERICAN MOVEMENT. BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF "PERONITIS", IT WAS IMPORTANT, HE MAINTAINED, FOR AIFLD TO BE "IN THERE", TO HELP RESIST THIS INFECTION. MONTENEGRO ADDED THAT, DESPITE THE POLITICAL SOPHISTICATION OF THE ARGENTINE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, IT NEEDED THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH AIFLD WAS EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE.

5. ON THE BASIS OF THE POSITION SUMMARIZED IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4, MESSRS. KUBISCH AND KLEINE WERE ASKED NOT TO MAKE A "FINAL, FIXED DECISION" AND "TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK" ON THE BASIS OF AMB. HILL'S APPRAISAL AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.

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6. MESSRS. KUBISCH AND KLEINE STATED THAT THEIR MINDS WERE OPEN AND THAT THE REQUEST WAS REASONABLE. WHEN THE MATTER IS LOOKED AT AGAIN, MR. KLEINE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF DETERMINING THE RATIONALE, IF ANY, FOR USING A.I.D. FUNDS TO SUPPORT ANY AIFLD PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA. MR. KUBISCH POINTED TO THE NEED FOR THE USG TO CONSIDER THE RANGE OF U.S. OBJECTIVES AND INTERESTS IN ARGENTINA AND OTHER AREAS, WHEN REVIEWING A DECISION

OF THIS KIND, AND CALLED UPON THE AFL/CIO AND AIFLD TO
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT USG OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES IN LATIN
AMERICA.

7. SEPARATE MESSAGE FOLLOWS ON TDY IN ARGENTINA PROPOSED
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